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Dear Commissioners and representatives of the Sunzia Corporation,

First, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to speak. I was home with our sick daughter yesterday and was unable to attend during the regularly scheduled public comment period. I am aware that by now you have heard the testimonies of those that speak for the San Pedro River valley. You have heard of its beauty and wonder, its biological significance and archeological record. You have heard of a special place where ranchers work alongside conservationist, and Christians work alongside those who place their faith entirely in the living world. You have heard of the hundreds of birds that migrate through each year during their migration or to breed. You have heard of the beaver working to restore the health of the river and possibly even of the more obscure species at risk like the Huachuca water umbel. Perhaps you have even heard it referred to as "One of America's last great places." I want to place emphasis on last, here. Each of you here—you stand in a position of power.

Today- in this very moment- you will make a decision that will determine the future of the San Pedro River Valley. I want to ask each of you—honestly, if your children or your grandchildren were to look you in the eye at the end of today—can you can tell them you made this world just a little better? What makes the San Pedro valley so special is that it is a "crowned jewel," it is a place of magic and wonder in an every-increasingly crowded world. It is a place of respite and fantastic biological diversity. It is a place of renewal and recovery. How many of you here, just today had to drive through traffic? Through congestion and smog? How many of you make such a commute daily just to get show up and do your life's work?

We need places like this—places that buzz and team with life. Places that remind us what it means to be alive. I am a mother—a professor, a wife, a friend—but first, I am a mother. I have a seven-year-old daughter. Her name is Brynn Rose. Brynn's "favorite place in the world" is up Hot Springs Canyon in Cascabel, AZ, just alongside the San Pedro River. We have been coming here with her since she was just five months of age. I first came to this place 18 years ago as a college student on a field semester program. For weeks we camped in the San Pedro River valley and learned about the bio-cultural significance of this region. We spoke with representatives from the government, with ranchers, with biologists and environmentalists.

For another ten years I have been returning with groups of university and high school students to learn about this place. What is most terrifying about this proposal by Sunzia is that it opens up the San Pedro River Valley to further exploitation. For years residents of this area have defended the place—against a highway,

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against powerlines, against a paved road. This place exists as it is now because of those that have worked so tirelessly to defend it. Because they believe this place is worth saving. What is most infuriating is that this proposal hides behind a claim for renewable energies. That somehow, by directing energy that was collected by renewable energy makes it OK to slice up the second largest unfragmented wilderness area in the Southwest?

Let's be honest here—brutally honest. This proposal only exists because it is more profitable then running lines along an already existing coordinator such as I-10. Because there are people such as shareholders, that seek to benefit financially from this decision. We are here to tell you that we do not accept this proposal. That we, the citizens of the state of Arizona, do not accept that we must sacrifice one of the greatest wonders in the Southwest in order for one corporation to derive a larger profit margin. Representatives of Sunzia and Commissioners, I ask you—can you look into the eyes of your children or your grandchildren and tell them at the end of today, that you made this world a better place then it was even this morning?

Can you tell me what I am supposed to tell my daughter has happened to her "favorite place in the world?" The future of this special—this irreplaceable place—is in your hands. Please also remember all of people that are not—could not—be in this room today, to which you are also held accountable. Please hold yourself accountable to your own children and children's children. Thank you. Sincerely, Dr. Rosemary Logan
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